

# Get the Competitive Edge

Illinois workNet<sup>®</sup> is a free resource that provides career, education and work support information for all Illinois residents and businesses. Illinois workNet connects individuals looking for employment with employers looking for workers through the convenience of a user-friendly website or onsite locations throughout the state. The program aims to cultivate a well-trained workforce by providing valuable resources for the state's workforce, creating a solid foundation for a thriving 21st century economy.

"Illinois workNet is a valuable resource for employers and potential employees. It's a great way to connect to the many resources that are available to Illinois companies, including training facilities like our own. Also, I like the fact that our students and past graduates can research career and salary information online."

Kurt Beier, Executive Director, First Institute Training & Management Crystal Lake, IL From helping people to find a job, to providing information about quality job skills training and access to education programs, Illinois workNet will connect people to information and services that provide the skills to create a first-class Illinois workforce. The foundation of any business is a strong, skilled workforce. Illinois workNet is designed to help people succeed, businesses thrive and the state's economy flourish by providing resources to compete in today's market.

#### Illinois workNet Connects in Communities!

The State of Illinois, along with local community organizations, public libraries, colleges and universities, employers, employment resource centers and others are working together to get the word out to individuals and employers to take advantage of Illinois workNet's free and valuable services.



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## Individuals

#### Make the Connections to Succeed

Illinois workNet connects individuals with jobs, education and training opportunities in their community and throughout the state. It is creating more opportunity for more people – and that benefits all Illinois residents. Illinois workNet also offers information on how to:

- Plan for your career
- Prepare for the job search
- Find training and education
- Link to financial aid opportunities
- Identify local employers
- Locate job openings

### Businesses

#### Get Connected to the Workforce You Need

Illinois workNet helps employers connect to potential employees through online resources and local business services teams. Additionally, Illinois workNet connects employers with job skills training and continuing education programs to strengthen their existing workforce. Illinois workNet can help businesses:

- Find training and recruitment resources
- Locate onsite recruitment events and job fairs
- Find information for managing your business
- Get help from representatives of our Business Service Team

"I use Illinois workNet in my vocational training classes. I have my students sign up on the website, then show them how to get the most out of it. They especially like the **Potential Employers** and **Prepare for a Job** sections. Even job-search veterans find the 'Resume Checklist' and 'Pre-interview Worksheet' on this site to be invaluable. Illinois workNet is really a great site." Illaina J. Baylor-Johnson, Adjunct Faculty, College of Lake County

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